GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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STEEL PRODUCTION OF MINI STEEL PLANTS
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the details of annual steel production and the installed capacity of mini-steel plants in the country during the last three years;

(b) whether the production of steel by the mini-steel plants is well below their capacity;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the measures taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR STEEL (SHRI BRAJA KISHORE TRIPATHY)

(a) Annual Capacity & Production of the Electric Arc Furnace based steel plants in the country during last 3 years is as under:

(Unit tonnes)

Year	Capacity	Production (excl. Castings)
1998-99	10876360	3648329
1999-2000	12055860	4635369
2000-01 (Prov.)	12055860	4841934

(b)to(d): The production of steel by these plants is below their aggregate capacity due to various reasons such as high power tariffs, rising input costs, technological constraints, uneconomic capacities, demand slow down, competition in the market etc. In the liberalised economic scenario the fortunes of the industry as well as individual plants depend entirely on market conditions.